Rao Bahadur A. Rengasvami Aiyar (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : The question of reduction of the rate of interest on loans issued from the State Land Mortgage Bank is under the consideration of the Board of Management.

Reorganisation of the Ayurveda Department.

138. ***Mr. M.N. Narayana Menon** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many years it is since the Ayurveda Department was established in Travancore ;

(*b*) whether they have any scheme before them to reorganise the department, in accordance with the needs of the times ; and

(*c*) whether they contemplate the appointment of a Director as the Head of the Ayurveda Department?

Mr. K. Paramesvara Panickar (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Forty-seven years.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : May I know whether this department was under a Director ?

Mr. K. Paramesvara Panickar : Yes.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : For how many years was it under the Director ?

Mr. K. Paramesvara Panickar : For over 10 years.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : When was the Director's post abolished ?

Mr. K. Paramesvara Panickar : In 1107, I believe.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know why Government have not appointed a Director after that and why Government do not contemplate appointing one?

Mr. K. Paramesvara Panickar : It was not possible to find a proper person for the post.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : Are the Government aware that, on account of the fact that there is no proper person to control its destinies, the department is not going on well ?

Mr. K. Paramesvara Panickar : Government do not think so.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : If a proper person to be the Director could not be found out, may I know who is now controlling the destinies of the department ?

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Mr. K. Parameswara Panickar: The Department is under the control of two Officers, the Inspector of Ayurveda and the Principal of the Ayurveda College.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Is it the opinion of Government that dual control will be satisfactory?

Mr. K. Parameswara Panickar: It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: What is the opinion of Government about this matter?

Mr. K. Parameswara Panickar: Their functions are separate and their work is divided.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: What was the work of the Director, and how has it been divided.

Mr. K. Parameswara Panickar: A perusal of the Administration Report will give the information required by the honourable member.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: May I know who is now doing the inspection work?

Mr. K. Parameswara Panickar: The Inspector of Ayurveda.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: May I know what his qualifications are?

Mr. K. Parameswara Panickar: I claim notice.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: May I know who was doing the work at the time when the department was under the control of a Director?

Mr. K. Parameswara Panickar: The work was done partly by the Inspector and partly by the Director.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Does this Inspector possess the same qualifications, and is he as capable as the Director, for doing this work?

Mr. K. Parameswara Panickar: It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Is he called 'Inspector' because Government have abolished the post of Director?

Mr. K. Parameswara Panickar: I have only to repeat my answer that it is a matter of opinion.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Are the Government now satisfied that the department is being controlled properly now?

Mr. K. Parameswara Panickar: Exactly, that is the opinion of Government.

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